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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. During the period that the CIA was flying U-2's over Cuba and after we had discovered the SA-2's and been cautioned by the President to take precautions for pilot safety, we developed a very fine and coordinated system with NORAD radars, Navy and Air Force communications links, and the Air-Sea Rescue Services to (a) flight-follow the aircraft by radar, (b) have Air-Sea Rescue Services fully alert and ready to go, and (c) have fighter coverage available on very short notice to cover any ditching procedures.

2. Pete Scoville's shop has indicated that when we turned this whole operation over to SAC, the bulk of these safeguarding activities fell by the wayside, and when Major Anderson was shot down, he was not under radar coverage nor was SAC really on top of his problems.

3. It could be that Mr. McNamara is not aware of the flight-following capabilities and Air-Sea Rescue requirements for this operation and you may wish to mention it to him.

/s/ MSC

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